

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's Attorney, Emily H. Ling, on September 5, 2007.

In the Office Action dated July 12, 2007, the Examiner took the position that the claims as submitted in the application were anticipated, under §102(e), by the cited patent “Reiche,” and/or were obvious under §103(a), over Reiche in view of “Kaufman.” Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant’s Attorney proposed possible clarifying amendments for independent claims 1, 7, 17, and 20.

The Examiner was receptive to the proposals, and Applicant's Attorney understood the Examiner to indicate that claims 1, 7, 17, and 20, as proposed to be amended, appeared to be allowable over the Reiche and Kaufman references.